been shifted from the Post to private couriers.

(b) Yes, Sir. One Automatic Mail Processing Centre with two letter sorting machines has been set up at Bombay and a similar system is in the process of installation at Madras.

(c) The efficiency of the machine compares favourably with manual sorting operations. Overall, it is twice the manual output.

(d) Post Cards and embossed envelopes are machinable while the Inland Letter Card is not. Inland Letter Card has been redesigned for machinability.

Commissioning of Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

4511. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges targetted to be commissioned during 1993-94, 1994-95 and till date in Gujarat, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges actually commissioned in the State; out of them with details thereof.

(c) the time likely to be taken in utilisation of 50 per cent capacity of these exchanges, particularly in tribal and remote areas;

(d) whether there is any provision for monitoring, before and after commissioning of the exchange in the tribal and remote areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) As given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) In the case of large exchanges of capacity 2000 lines and above, at the time of initial commissioning 60 per cent lines are utilised and the loading is done gradually upto 90 per cent within 6 months of commissioning. For small/medium capacity exchanges in remote and tribal areas, there is no such limit. For these areas, with a minimum of 56 lines exchanges are installed when the registered demand reaches 10 or more.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. The exchanges in tribal and remote areas are monitored by the Sub Divisional Officer (SDOT) Divisional Engineer (DET) and other senior officers incharge of maintenance/development of the telephone exchanges in the concerned area.

Statement

District-wise detalls of the telephone exchanges targetted and commissioned in Gujarat

Sl. No.	Name of Distt.	1993-94		1994-95 (upto 31-3-95)	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ahmedabad & Gandhinagar	16	16	6	2
2.	Amreli	9	9	5	1
3.	Bharuch	4	4	4	3
4.	Bhavnagar	5	5	5	5
5.	Banaskantha (Palanpur)	12	12	4	6

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Jamnagar	10	10	4	2
7.	Junagadh	6	6	4	4
8.	Kheda (Nadiad)	5	5	5	..
9.	Kutch (Bhuj)	9	9	7	6
10.	Mehsana	4	4	4	14
11.	Panchmahal (Godhra)	5	5	5	2
12.	Rajkot	5	5	4	11
13.	Sabarkantha (Himatnagar)	3	3	2	4
14.	Surat	3	3	5	2
15.	Surendranagar	5	5	5	10
16.	Vadodara	3	3	2	2
17.	Valsad & Ahwa Dangs	1	1	4	5
	TOTAL	105	105	75	77

New Telecom Projects

4512. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Telephone Telecom projects proposed to be undertaken in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of allotment of such new projects to respective regions and States;

(c) whether population and the number of subscribers is one of the criteria for allotment of new telecom projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The 8th Five Year Plan of the DOT envisages addition of 75 lakh new telephone connections, provision of telephone facility in all Gram Panchayats and additional 1.5 lakh villages.

(b) The circle-wise programme of providing telephone connections and Village Public Telephones proposed during 92.97 is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No Sir. The main criteria for deciding commissioning programme for different States are the projected demand for telephones and the pending waiting list.

(d) Question does not arise.